

A⁴ 20. (Amended)The process of claim 1, wherein the feed stream comprises an organic acid amide selected from the group consisting of lactamide, pyruvamide, beta-hydroxybutyramide, propionamide, and acetamide.

A⁵ 32. (Amended)The process of claim 1, wherein the azeotroping agent is a hydrocarbon having a boiling point of between about 100 °C less than and 150 °C more than the organic acid [the] boiling point.

A⁶ 41. (Amended)The process of claim 1, wherein the process is a continuous process.

REMARKS

The amendment of claim 1 corrects grammar errors. The amendment of claim 10 is supported in the specification on page 19 at lines 16-20, page 20 at line 31, and page 21 at lines 1-2. The amendments of claims 20, 32 and 41 correct grammar and punctuation errors. Amendment of the specification inserts a serial number of a referenced co-pending application.

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